Relief of distress of the poor people.

147. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the number of poor people absolute destitutes, old, infirm and disabled men, women and children is daily on the increase;

(b) whether the Government are prepared to relieve their distress and preserve public tranquillity by erecting poor houses, and asylums for the disabled, etc., in the near future in convenient centres?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— (a) Yes; according to the Census Report of 1931.

(b) The question will receive consideration when finances permit.

Unemployment—relief measures.

148. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan:— Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have yet arrived at any practical scheme to give relief to the suffering people for want of employment?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— The problem is a very general one. Government have not yet formulated any comprehensive scheme to give relief to all people who suffer from want of employment.

Appointments—Huzur Office.

149. Mr. K. S. Manickam:—Will the Government be pleased to state why appointments made in the Huzur Office are not gazetted?

Mr. T. S Narayana Ayyar:— It has not been the practice to do so.

Appointment of the present Diwan

150. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the period for which the present Diwan is appointed;

(2) his pay?

Mr. T. S Narayana Ayyar:— (1) Three years.

(2) Rs. 3,000 per mensem.

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